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In re Patent Application of:  
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For: SHEET FEEDER, IMAGE READING  
APPARATUS AND IMAGE FORMING  
APPARATUS

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Examiner: T. A. Morrison

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated July 10, 2008, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 4 of this paper.